ORDINANCE CODE; CREATING A NEW SECTION 111.787

REMOVAL

(DERELICT AND ABANDONED VESSELS AND FLOATING STRUCTURE ENFORCEMENT AND REMOVAL TRUST FUND),

PART 7 (ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION), CHAPTER

111 (SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS),

ORDINANCE 2022-60

AN ORDINANCE RELOCATING THE DERELICT VESSEL AND

FLOATING STRUCTURE REMOVAL FUND FROM CHAPTER

110, PART 4, SECTION 110.414 TO CHAPTER 111,

PART 7, SECTION 111.787; REPEALING SECTION

110.414 (DERELICT VESSEL AND FLOATING STRUCTURE

APPROPRIATIONS), CHAPTER 110 (CITY TREASURY),

(CONTINUING

TRUST FUND), PART

ORDINANCE CODE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, derelict and abandoned vessels, and floating structures have become a greater safety and environmental problem in Duval County over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, has increased their funding match to local governments for the removal of derelict vessels and encourages local governments to be efficient and expedient in the removal of derelict vessels; and

whereas, the State legislature has also allowed local governments to regulate and abate floating structures which the City has taken on through the creation of Chapter 388 (Boating and Waterways); and

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WHEREAS, in 2021 the State legislature enabled county governments to create anchoring limitation areas in urban residential areas of navigable-in-fact county waters; and

WHEREAS, the purpose and authority of the Derelict Vessel and Floating Structure Removal Fund to remove derelict vessels and Floating Structures will be increased to include administration and enforcement of Chapter 388, Ordinance Code, so the fund should be characterized as a trust fund and housed in Chapter 111, Ordinance Code, now therefore

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

Section 1. Repealing Section 110.414 (Derelict Vessel and Floating Structure Removal Fund), Part 4 (Continuing Appropriations), Chapter 110 (City Treasury), Ordinance Code. Chapter 110 (City Treasury), Part 4 (Continuing Appropriations), Section 110.414 (Derelict Vessel and Floating Structure Removal Fund), Ordinance Code, is hereby repealed in its entirety. A copy of the repealed Section 110.414 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Section 2. Creating a new Section 111.787 (Derelict and Abandoned Vessels and Floating Structure Enforcement and Removal Trust Fund), Part 7 (Environment and Conservation), Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Ordinance Code. Chapter 111 (Special Revenue and Trust Accounts), Part 7 (Environment and Conservation), Section 111.787 (Derelict and Abandoned Vessels and Floating Structure Enforcement and Removal Trust Fund), Ordinance Code is hereby created to read as follows:

CHAPTER 111 - SPECIAL REVENUE AND TRUST ACCOUNTS

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PART 7. ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

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Sec. 111.787 - Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Floating Structure Enforcement and Removal Trust Fund.

There is hereby created the Derelict and Abandoned Vessel and Floating Structure Enforcement and Removal Trust Fund (the "Fund"), a permanent and ongoing trust fund of the City, which shall carry forward each fiscal year. The Fund is authorized to accept grants, gifts, abatement reimbursements, fees, penalty payments, appropriations and other monies. Reimbursement for the abatement of issues regulated by Chapter 388, Ordinance Code shall be deposited into the Fund. Monies deposited in the Fund, together with any interest accrued thereon, shall carry over fiscal years to be used for the following purposes: the administration, regulation and enforcement of Chapter 388 (Boating and Waterways), Ordinance Code; and the removal of derelict vessels, abandoned vessels, and Floating Structures from the waters of Duval County. Use of the monies accepted into the Fund shall be under the direction and control of the Neighborhoods Department. Funds shall be appropriated through Council action.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective without the Mayor's signature.

Form Approved:

/s/ Susan C. Grandin

Office of General Counsel

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